

The Deposition of General Solo

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(Verbal)

Deposition transcribed from statements given by General Han Solo and Lieutenant Page.

Deposition given to Mon Mothma and Admiral Ackbar following "mop-up operations" after the Battle of Endor.

Mon Mothma: General Solo, could you please elaborate on your report concerning the boarding action against the Star Destroyer *Accuser*? It is a trifle ... vague.

General Solo: Uh, well, there ain't much to tell.

Admiral Ackbar: (Stifles cough.)

Mothma: You have something you wish to add, Admiral?

Ackbar: No, I do not. Except that, given General Solo's reputation, his last statement is somewhat difficult to believe.

Mothma: Lieutenant Page, perhaps you could fill in some of the blanks in General Solo's report. According to the good General, you and the commandos temporarily under your command simply -- and I quote -- "boarded the enemy vessel and captured the bridge."

Lieutenant Page: Yes, ma'am. That is what happened. General Solo and I led the boarding action.

Mothma: General Solo participated in the action?

Page: Er, yes. It was the General's idea, actually.

Mothma: Naturally.

Solo: Thanks, kid.

Mothma: General, I would like to know why chose to lead an unauthorized action like this. You know that I would not have approved.

Solo: That's why I didn't ask. Anyway, it seemed like a good idea. At least, it did at the time.

Mothma: No doubt. Continue, Lieutenant.

Page: Well, mop-up operations were still underway, but most of the action was going on overhead. As planet-level unit leader, Major Derlin remained on Endor to supervise incoming ground forces; he placed me in temporary command of the commando force. First Mate Chewbacca and General Solo were doing some work on the shuttle we used to penetrate Endor's security when we got word that there was still some trouble in orbit. The relief troops had managed to land, but General Solo seemed most... eager... to assist in the battle over the moon.

Solo: Well, not exactly eager. Y'see, it was all Chewie's idea.

Ackbar: It was First Mate Chewbacca's idea to attempt a boarding action against an Imperial Star Destroyer that was carrying a full troop complement? An attack, I might add, that was to be carried out by one commando squad?

Solo: Ah, well, no. He just said we should use the *Tydirium* to get back to the fleet.

Mothma: And?



Solo: And, it occurred to me that he didn't say *which* fleet. And we had all those spare stormtrooper uniforms and the security code that got us in, not to mention that bucket of a shuttle

Mothma: So you took it upon yourself to steal a Star Destroyer?

Solo: Well, er ... yes. I guess you could call it a general's prerogative, if you want.

Mothma: Yes, we could, except that usually a general clears such an unorthodox maneuver with Admiral Ackbar, General Madine or myself.

Page: Yes, ma'am, but when the Death Star blew, it disrupted communications. We tried to alert you, but we couldn't get through.

Mothma: (Sounds skeptical.) No doubt General Solo was literally grafted to the shuttle's comm unit.

Ackbar: Lieutenant Page, how did you manage to fight your way to the bridge? This is not meant to denigrate the abilities of you and your men ... I realize that you and your men are exceptionally capable soldiers, and that ground combat is not my area of expertise ... but those kind of odds sound overwhelming.

Page: Well, actually, we didn't fire a shot.

Ackbar: Preposterous. Surely you are exaggerating, Lieutenant.

Page: No, sir. After all, we did have the proper Imperial clearance -- the code that allowed us through the shield perimeter at Endor -- and General Solo was quite convincing when he called the *Accuser's* captain claiming we had just escaped from the Death Star. They certainly fell for it; they actually used their own docking tractor beams to bring us in.

Mothma: They brought you in?

Page: (Smiles slyly.) Yes ma'am. You could say they invited us aboard.

Ackbar: And how did you eliminate the crew?

Page: Er, General Solo actually managed it.

Mothma: Of course he did.

Page: Once we took the bridge ... and, I swear all we did was just walk in ... he uh, relieved the *Accuser's* captain.

Ackbar: Let me see if I've understood you correctly, Lieutenant. General Solo -- posing as a stormtrooper -- boarded an Imperial Star Destroyer, marched you and your group to the bridge and assumed command?

Page: No, sir. General Solo was wearing an Imperial general's uniform, not stormtrooper armor.

Mothma: (Chuckles softly.) A general. Naturally.

Solo: Hey, it fit, that's all!

Ackbar: And how did you and your team manage to eliminate the *Accuser's* crew?

Page: General Solo convinced them to leave.

Mothma: ... convinced them ...

Ackbar: ... to leave ...

Page: Er, well, he rendered the Star Destroyer's captain unconscious while my people secured the rest of the bridge crew. Then the General activated the ship-wide hull breach alarm and ordered the crew to, er ...

Ackbar: To abandon ship.

Mothma: (Shakes head.) Amazing.

Solo: Oh, knock it off. It worked.

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